



# Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

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## June 13, 2021

**Jesus Rejoices in the Holy Spirit**



**Next Sunday**

*The Calling of the Apostles*

**Phil 3:7-14** (Righteousness from God/Forward in Christ)

**Mt 10:1-7** (The Mission of the 12/The Commissioning of the 12)

## Your Gifts To God

*Offering Report for May 30th - June 5th*

Online.....\$399.00

Collection.....\$571.00

Weekly Total.....\$970.00

YTD Total.....\$41,240.47

YTD Goal.....\$42,458.00

YTD Difference.....**-\$1,217.53**

## Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, June 13th, 11:00am

*Available*

Monday, June 14th

*Available*

Tuesday, June 15th

*Available*

Wednesday, June 16th

*Available*

Thursday, June 17th

*Available*

Friday, June 18th

*Available*

Saturday, June 19th

*Available*

Sunday, June 20th

*+Ibrahim Khal*

***Adoration/Exposition every Sunday at 10:00 am before the morning Liturgy.***

***Confession every Sunday 10:35-10:50am before the morning Liturgy.***

***Also join us to pray the Rosary on Sundays at 10:30 am before the Liturgy begins.***

## Altar Sponsorship

**Sunday, June 13th**

*Available*

**Sunday, June 20th**

*Redmond Family*

# Parish | Community Events

## Parish Council

+Bruce Ashford  
(Treasurer)

Charlie Ashou

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+Claude Karam

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+Deacon Wadih

+Finance  
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## MONASTIC DISCERNMENT RETREAT JUNE 18 - 20

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## Wedding Planning Checklist

### 4 MONTHS TO GO

- ☐ PLAN THE CEREMONY
- ☐ WRITE VOWS
- ☒ ATTEND COUPLES WORKSHOP TO BUILD A STRONG FOUNDATION FOR MY MARRIAGE

Prepare for your marriage at our next  
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## NEXT WORKSHOP IS:

Friday, June 18, 6 pm–8 pm &  
Saturday, June 19  
9 am–11am & 1 pm–3 pm  
(Couples must attend each session)

## WHERE

Online with Zoom  
(Couples will be emailed with log-in information)

## COST

\$225 per couple

## REGISTRATION

Register and pay online at  
[nwcounseling.org/marriage-prep](http://nwcounseling.org/marriage-prep)

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## Personal Freedom thru the 4 Agreements

*Presented by Shirley Price, LPC*

We can often live our lives with self-limiting beliefs that can contribute  
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## When:

Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM PT

## Virtual Zoom Session:

Email with links for access will be sent  
the day of the workshop.

## Register:

### Online

[nwcounseling.org/services/workshops/](http://nwcounseling.org/services/workshops/)

**Or Call** (503)253-0964

## Cost:

\$25 per household

*Hardship scholarships available upon request*

Pre-registration required. Workshop fee  
must be paid at time of registration.

*Workshop fee is non-refundable; fee will remain a  
workshop credit for 6 months.*

# *Covid Mass Policies*

**\*\*SUNDAY MASS TIME\*\***

**11:00am**

**Confessions: 10:35-10:50am**

## **In-Person Mass Sign Ups**

We are switching over to using Sign-Up Genius for our weekly in person sign ups. The system will allow you to access at any time and register or alter a reservation. It is able to update in real-time, where as I am not. The sign up sheet is emailed every Wednesday, prior to the week's masses.

**Here is the link in case you need to check or alter your reservation.**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4EA9AF23A4FC1-inperson>

## **COVID MASS POLICIES**

- You will need to come with a mask. Mask may be removed to receive Communion obviously. We don't have masks to give you so please bring one.
- I cannot give Communion outside of Mass – this means in your cars, on the sidewalk, etc. Communion for the homebound is suppressed also at this time.
- Sit only in spot marked on pews. Remain physically distant as you enter and exit the church through the basement entrance only.
- No lingering after Mass, you will need to leave directly.
- If your name is not of the sign up list the ushers cannot allow you to come in. We will need to be strict about this and apologize in advance for problems that might arise.
- I request you only use the downstairs entrance, below the main stairs, the other doors will be closed, this will help us to be able to clean commonly touched surfaces.
- We will not allow use of missals, or other books in the pews. Do your best with the responses.
- Only people who are members of the parish are eligible at this point to attend our limited Masses. If you have been coming regularly, and are not registered elsewhere but have not registered with us, now is the time to do this. Archbishop has asked that we keep people going to the parishes they are registered as a way to respect fair and equitable access to all.

**Sunday, June 13, 2021, 10:30am**

**Youtube Channel Link:**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCi8CEQIEnX-VeERKBMqhKRA>

**We'll be using this same link every week since it connects to St. Sharbel's Youtube Channel. Once there click on the appropriate date for mass.**



# Reflection

God the Father, by His nature, is hidden from us because He is greater than understanding or even our senses. But because He loves us, He has revealed Himself throughout the ages because He wishes us to know Him. First, He sent the prophets to reveal their prophecies. Then the Son, our Lord and God Jesus Christ, became man Himself to unite God and man. Lastly, God the Spirit descended on Pentecost to make all Christians His dwelling place and temple, to continue to reveal what is “hidden... from the wise and learned” but “revealed... to little children” (Luke 10:21).

Our baptism was when God the Spirit descended and make us His dwelling, just as He did first at Pentecost. He remains in us as our strength and our “Paraclete” (or advocate), as Jesus Himself called Him, to lead us to know what wise men do not of God. No amount of human wisdom can lead someone to the wisdom that God imparts in baptism, because baptism itself is a spiritual womb which births the baptized anew into God Himself and God dwells in the baptized.

A question that has been long asked is how do we sin if God dwells in us, and whether or not the Holy Spirit departs from us when we sin. But our ancient Syriac tradition has also long answered the question, as Bishop Philoxenus of Mabbug did 1500 years ago. Whatever we do, God remains in us because of His love, as Christ promised when He said “Remain in me, as I also remain in you” (John 15:4). Even when we have sinned, the Spirit remains to lead us back to be reconciled with God. As God promised through Moses in ancient times and He repeats with every mercy, He will never leave or forsake us (Deut. 31:6).

In God’s love He granted us free will to choose or reject Him, as all love must be freely chosen and not forced. So though He dwells in us and remains with us, He allows us to either choose to follow Him and return when we stray, or reject Him without repentance. We are temples

of the Holy Spirit, as St. Paul told the Corinthians (1 Cor. 6:19) consecrated by baptism, but by a lack of faith, lack of repentance and lack of godly actions, we can choose to show the disdain for the honor of God dwelling within us. Though God will remain in us, we can make it clear we do not wish to dwell in Him, He Who is life itself. When we choose the death of sin over the life of God, Christ says, “If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned” (John 15:6).

Every time we attend the Divine Liturgy, we profess our faith, calling the Holy Spirit the Giver of Life. He created all life in the beginning, and gives imperishable life in baptism. He has done so not out of our own merit, but out of His love for His creation. Each day we are given the option to live for this life we have been given in God, growing in the divine life. Let us strive to seek God in all things and everywhere, remembering it is He Who gave life and gives it again daily.

— Article Credit: St Rafka Parish



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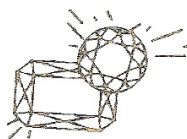
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